

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Franz Saller  
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Title: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A CONNECTION FROM A TERMINAL OF  
A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK EXTERNAL CONNECTION  
DESTINATION, AND ASSOCIATED APPARATUS AND NETWORK  
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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 8, 2006, the Applicant herein responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.